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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/708,883

Filed: November 7, 2000

For: TECHNIQUES FOR DISPENSING  
POSTAGE USING A  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 31 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 32 of this paper.